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SUBJECT: EC SAFEGUARD MEASURES FOR CANNED MUSHROOMS

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1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO URGE THE EC COMMISSION TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION OF JULY 25, 1975, TIGHTENING THE SAFEGUARD MEASURES (RESTRICTIVE LICENSING) APPLIED TO IMPORTS OF CANNED MUSHROOMS. THE LIMITATION ON IMPORTS TO ONLY 25 PERCENT (REDUCED FROM 50 PERCENT) OF THE VOLUME IMPORTED IN THE REFERENCE PERIOD (1973) SEEMS EXCESSIVELY RESTRICTIVE AND PROBABLY WILL RESULT IN A FURTHER DIVERSION OF THIRD COUNTRY SUPPLIES TO THE U.S.

2. MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE U.S. CONCERN OVER TRADE DIVERSION EFFECTS OF EC MEASURES AND SHOULD APPEAL FOR A RETURN TO NORMAL TRADE FLOWS.

3. THE U.S. MARKET IN CANNED MUSHROOMS IS UNDER GREAT PRESSURE FROM IMPORTS, NO DOUBT DUE IN PART TO THE EC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1974. DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD JANUARY-JUNE 1975, U.S. IMPORTS TOTALED 28 MILLION POUNDS, 37 PERCENT ABOVE THE VOLUME IMPORTED DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER. A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE RATE OF IMPORTATION IS LIKELY BECAUSE OF THE NEW EC RESTRICTIONS. INDUSTRY HAS INFORMED US ESCAPE CLAUSE PETITION UNDER SECTION 201 OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 WILL BE FILED WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15; YOU MAY SO INFORM EC COMMISSION. KISSINGER

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